

# **Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd**

## **Annual General Meeting MINUTE**

**12:00 midday – 12: 42 p.m. 10 December 2012 at the Urban Camp  
Melbourne Co-operative, Brens Drive, Parkville**

### **Present:**

Bill Bodman ( Murray Goulburn)  
Greg Maloney (Northcote RHC)  
Tony O'Shea (Avoca District Co-operative), Chairman  
Gordon McLean (Westgate Health Co-operative)  
Shirley Faram (SouthEast Housing Co-operative)  
George Leyland-Greaves (First Option Credit Union)  
David Dinning (Independent Director)  
David Griffiths (Secretary)

### **Proxies:**

Australian Travel Agents Co-operative  
Demodairy  
Para Park Co-operative  
Cohousing (Tasmania)  
Pyrenees Store Co-operative  
Urban Camp Co-operative

### **Guest:**

Roma Britnell

## **1. Vale Niel Black**



That this meeting record the appreciation of the Victorian co-operative movement for the lifetime contribution that Niel Black made to advancing the co-operative option and that throughout his life he maintained a quiet gentlemanly passion for co-operation that was always thoughtful, positive and consistent and that his contribution to Co-operatives Victoria and co-operation will be missed.

M: David Dinning S: First Option Credit Union  
CARRIED

## **2. Minutes**

That the minutes of the AGM of 15 November 2011 be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

M: SouthEast Housing Co-operative Ltd S: David Dinning  
CARRIED

## **3. Financial and Directors Reports**

The activities of Co-operatives Victoria throughout the year were noted:

		With CEHL and SouthEast Housing Co-operative Ltd organised a Co-operatives National Law Workshop presented by Jenni Mattila on 19 November 2012 with 24 co-operators attending.
		With First Option Credit Union, organised a Beyond 2012 Workshop on 27 September 2012 at the German Club Tivoli with 23 co-operators present.
		With SouthEast Housing Co-operative Ltd and UK Co-operative College completed a series of eight Co-operation in Practice films presented by the Chief Executive and Principal of the UK Co-operative College Mervyn Wilson.
		With SouthEast Housing Co-operative Ltd, working on a series of Co-operatives National Law films presented by Jenni Mattila.
		Attended the National Co-operative Conference, 24 – 25 October 2012, Port Macquarie, NSW.
		Continued to work with the UK Co-operative College – bringing co-operative education to Australia.
		Working with the Victorian Department of Primary Industry to create an online version of an updated Co-operative Start-Up Manual.
		Co-sponsored Cardijn Community Australia Workshop Economics for the 99%, 11 August 2012.



Signifies co-sponsorship as Australia IYC 2012 events.

That the reports from the board and officers of the Federation upon the transactions of the Federation during the 2011/12 financial year including the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Account and state of affairs for the year ending 30 June 2012 be received.

M: David Dinning S: First Option Credit Union  
CARRIED

#### **4. Remuneration of Directors**

That Directors do not receive any remuneration as Directors for the 2012/13 financial year.

M: Northcote Rental House Co-operative S: SouthEast Housing Co-operative  
CARRIED

#### **5. Annual Subscription**

That the following membership annual subscription levels for the financial year 2012/2013 be approved:

<b>Annual Turnover \$</b>	<b>Annual Subscription \$</b>
0 -100,000	\$165
101,000-500,000	\$275
500,001-1 million	\$385
1-2 million	\$550
2-3 million	\$825
3-4 million	\$1100
4-5 million	\$1375
5-6 million	\$1650
6-7.5 million	\$1925
7.5 – 10 million	\$2200
10 – 50 million	\$2750
50-100 million	\$3300
100 million plus	\$7000

M: David Dinning S: First Option Credit Union  
CARRIED

The Chairman advised that the board at a meeting prior to the AGM had appointed a sub-committee to review and recommend a suitable basis for financial institution members of Co-operatives Victoria.

#### **6. Election of Directors**

That the meeting confirm the election of Bill Bodman, Linda Seaborn and George Leyland-Greaves for three year terms.

M: SouthEast Housing Co-operative S: Northcote Rental Housing Co-operative  
CARRIED

That the meeting confirm the election of Independent Director David Dinning for a three year term.

M: Murray Goulburn S: First Option Credit Union

CARRIED

## **7. Legacy Award**

That Shirley Faram be congratulated on her Legacy Award at the National Co-operative Conference on 25 October 2012

M: Murray Goulburn S: Northcote Rental Housing Co-operative

CARRIED

## **8. Annual Report**

Tony O'Shea said it had been an interesting year and that he had resigned as Chairman but was now in a position to resume the Chair for the coming 12 months.

He said there was still a need for an effective national peak body representing co-operatives and he would focus in the next 12 months on progressing this into a reality.

He noted that there were proposals for a Social Business Council that was the equivalent of the Business Council of Australia but that this would not be a co-operatives peak body.

## **9. Other Business**

There was no other business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed.